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In Bath, Me., in order to secure a large attendance at one of the city's churches, it is announced in the daily papers that souvenirs will be distrib

Sir Henry Irving, in laying the foundation stone in England of the new Passmore Edwards Dulwich Publie Library, recently, spoke briefly of the incalculable value of free libraries as a mediam of good.

The Dutch have a delightfully original way of collecting their taxes. If, after due notice has been given, the money be not sent, the authorities place one or two hungry militiamen in the house, to be lodged therein until the amount of the tax is paid.

"Trotcha" and "Mahsayo," with the latter accented on the second syllable. are vouched for by the Trenton (N. J.) American as correct pronunciation of the two words trocha and Macec, which are frequently found in the news from Cuba. Gomez is pronounced "Gometh," with the accent on the second syllable.

At some of the Pennsylvania mines coal is selling for fifty-five and sixty cents a ton, and the miners are paid seventy cents. The owners of the mines apparently lose money on each ton of coal taken out, but, as many of them are interested in the railroads which carry the coal to market, they probably more than make good the

The greatest irrigation scheme yet is that of a Swiss scientist, Raoul Pictet, who has been studying the climatic conditions in Egypt and proposes to flood the desert of Sahara with water from the Nile. His plan is to build great heaters of sheet iron over the for power. The water could be raised to 150 degrees under the terrific solar heat and a huge heater or boiler of this kind covering two acres would furnish 2000 horse power.

By direction of the Omaha (Neb.) Board of Education boys in the public schools are asked to sign of their own use of tobacco during their school ville in the days, with a proviso that they can be released from their plotpoon any time

report that the plan has worked well, that very many of the boys have signed the pledge, and that keeping it has come to be regarded as a matter of honor. Better scholarship, better morals and more cleanly habits are among the direct results of the move-

Senator Davis, of Minnesota, says that the country has never experienced such hard times as in 1857. "Money was not only scarce, but there was no | 000; insurance; \$8,830. money in circulation-none to be had money in circulation—none to be had anywhere. Along the Chippewa, Black, Mississippi and other rivers sawlogs were legal tender. In fact, everything that possessed any sort of walve possessed as token money. Up in the same of the Vermont Poultry and Pet Stock Association was in session there recently and had the lorgest entries in the society's history. There were 700 birds entered, most from St. Johnsbury and vicinity. The Billings Farm of Woodstock had a good exhibit and there were others from Central and Southern Vermont. value passed as token money. Up in mont. Northern Wisconsin copper was mined, and copper cents were minted and issued by private individuals. The general storekeepers issued their own script, and it passed for money. I have seen a ten-cent postage stamp incased in mica passing for money many a time. We had every kind of token money except wampum. We didn't quite get that far back to the primitive method and medium of ex-

To improve further the public schools of Massachusetts, the State Board of Education, in addition to seeking legislation which would require each teacher to have pedagogie training, will seek to have the principle of skilled supervision of schools extended to each town in the State, observes the New York Post. Thus far there is supervision in 253 of the 353 towns in the State, covering ninety-one per cent. of the number of teachers and ninety-three per cent. of the number of pupils. It is apparent, therefore, that only the smallest towns lack skilled supervision. Among the improvements claimed in the towns under supervision are a better class of teachers, with a truer professional spirit; a more regular attendance of pupils in all grades and increased attendance in the grammar and high schools; a well-arranged and properly balanced course of study; greater care in the selection of books, apparatus, etc., and greater interest in the schools on the part of parents and taxpayers. This plan of skilled supervision is advocated in Pennsylvania by the State Superintendent of Education. Detroit is seeking, by other means, to an ouse school interest among

Essex County Herald. A CUBAN VICTORY.

Won by Gen. Calixto Garcia at Gabuquito.

Spanish Force of 4,000 Defeated -Loss, 300 Killed.

KEY WEST, Fla., Jan. 19—One of the most brilliant victories achieved by the Cubans since the beginning of the revolution was won at Gabuquito, near Manzanillo. Ac-cording to advices received by the steamer Olivette, which reached here from Havana, Gen. Callyto Garcia, with a strong force of

Gen. Calixto Garcia, with a strong force of insurgents, has made his headquarters at Gabuquito for some weeks.

Gen. Segura, with 4,000 Spaniards, was operating near Manzanillo, and determined to attack Gabuquito, although the Cubans were strongly intreached. Segura's plan was to storm the place and be lead to the manufacture. were strongly intreheded. Segura's plan was to storm the place, and he led his men in person, but the Cubans greeted the Span-iards with such a deadly fire from rifles and doubties guns that they retreated in great disorder. Segura rallied his men, and another charge was made, but the fire of the Cubans did such execution that the Spaniards were again driven back. Se-gura was unable to rally his men for another attack, and withdrew.

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It is reported from Cuban sources that the Spanish loss was nearly 300 killed and about 400 wounded. Among the killed, it is said, there were many Spanish officers, and Segura himself is reported slightly wounded.

Gen. Blus Rivera, commanding the insurgents in Pinar del Blo province, attacked the trocha north of Artemisa. The insurgents made their attack about four o'clock in the morning, and took the Soaniards by surents made their attack about four o'clock in the morning, and took the Spaniards by sur-prise. The Cubans fired one volley and then charged the Spaniards with machetes, killing many of them. The sound of the battle was heard at Artemisa, and a strong Spanish force was ordered to proceed along the trocha. Rivera withdrew when apprised by scouls that re-enforcements were coming to aid the Spaniards. In this engagement the Spaniards are said to have

sergagement the Spaniards are said to have lost heavily. A large number of their wounded reached Havana.

It is also said that 5,000 Cubans under Carillo, Arungerere, Acosta and Juan Delgado are operating near Havana. Some of these insurgents are said to have entered a suborbod Havana. They talked freely with suburb of Havana. They talked freely with the inhabitants and said they were anxious for the Spanish troops in Havana to attack

Manley's Part in Inauguration. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19—Mr. J. H. Manley of Augusta, Mc., has been appointed a member of the reception committee for the inauguration ball, of which General Nelson A. Miles is chairman.

All the Bids Rejected.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19—Secretary of War Lamont has rejected all bids for the construction of gun and mortar batteries at rivers to convert the water into steam Key West, Fla., and has readvertised for proposals. The lowest bid was \$396,000, but was irregular.

> Lawyer Albert B. Otis. BELFAST, Me., Jan. 19—Albert B. Otis, a lawyer of Boston, died of heart failure at his summer residence here. He was 57

General Vermont News.

free will a pledge to abstain from the Sugar Makers Association was held in Rut-land with Hon, Frank Kenfield of Morris-

maple products at the centennial exhibition to be held at Nashville, Tenn., which will open there May 1, and that an appropriation of \$200 be made for that purpose and that

The following pensions were granted to Vermonters: Original, Homer B. Phelps of Williston: increase, Henry Wilkins of Rutland; original, widows, etc., Sally M. Louis of Fair Haven.

The mills and engine and power houses of the State Company at North Poultney were burned to the ground recently. More than 100 men are thrown out of work. Loss \$15,

The annual exhibition of the Vermont

The Vermont Jersey Cattle Club held its annual meeting at Burlington. The officers elected are those formerly serving, namely: President, H. W.Vail of Pomfret; Vice President, J. O. H. Sandford of Stamford; Secre-tary T. G. Bronson of Hardwick; Treasurer, N. L. Boyden of Randolph; Executive Committee, F. L. Davis of Pomfret, Clement Smith of Morrisville, George Aiken of Wood-stock. The organization voted to issue a catalogue containing the names of Jersey breeders in Vermont, with a sketch of their stocks as to character and number.

Mr. Bidgood of Grand Isle, with a lady and child started to cross the Malletta Bay. When only a little way out the horses broke through and all went down, but fortunately the people were all saved. The team and

The Vermont Dairymen's Association has elected the following officers, President, C. F. Smith, of Morrisville; Vice-President, H. W. Walker, of South Woodstock, and F. S. Collins, of Burlington; Secretary, George W. Pierce, of Brattleboro; Trensurer, H. W. Will, C. M. Berfer, Andley Goorge Mr. Vail, of North Pomfret; Auditor, George Aitken, of Woodstock.

It has been the custom for the department of Vermont G. A. R. to hold its annual encampment in January, but a change will be made under the administration of Depart-ment Commissioner Puffer, and the next encampment will be held in Bennington in June. The encampment was held in Bennington in 1883 and 1884. A movement is on foot to establish a board

of trade at Enosburg. J. Dunean Frazer, claiming to be an ex-Confederate general, who has been in jail at Bennington since the 1st of last June, charged with obtaining money under false pretenses.

was released.

James P. Cleveland, Jr., of Randolph, who has been a deputy sheriff in Orange county since 1856, excepting two years, when high sheriff, has resigned. Julius F. Lam-son has been appointed by Sheriff Smith to fill the yearney. fill the vacancy. Vermont hickory will be used as handle bars for bicycles. It's the wood the scorchers say, J. T. Hildreth of Brattleboro has an

say. J. T. Hildreth of Bracketon of them by order from a firm to make 50,000 of them by June. The men are working night and day to fill the order.

Massachusetts capitalists are endeavoring
to float stock for a proposed company to
build a railroad from Bethel and Stockbridge common, to connect at the latter point with the proposed Rutland and Montpelier rail-way. It is understood that the parties be-

hind the new deal are also interested in the tale mines and gold mines on the upper The Transvaal is the thirty-ninth Power to welcome the Red Cross Society.

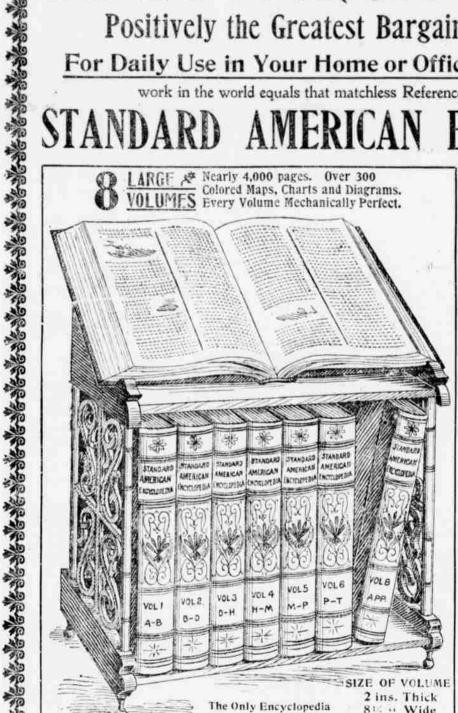
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Poisoning. ST. LOUIS, MO., Jan. 19-Dr. Felix W. Garcia, a well known surgeon and chemist, has discovered a new disease. From researches at his office and home, and from close observation in his daily practice, he has reached the conclusion that thousands of persons in St. Louis are victims of chronic gas poisoning. He has treated several cases recently which led him to believe that the leakage of Illuminating gos from mains and pipes is a con-stant menace to health, and that it is the cause of a distinctive malady, which he has named "effluvium anaemia." The physician cited several cases which he had treated, saying that in each instance the poison was discovered in the blood. ;

Jealousy Among Inventors. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19 Secretary Carlisle has directed that the portraits of Eli Whitney, inventor of the cotton gin, and Cyrus H. McCormick, inventor of the reap-

tional church with a chime of bells. Port-land has had no chime of bells since the burning of the old Plymouth church in 1864.

er, be not put upon the new \$10 silver cer-tificate as contemplated by Superintendent Johnson of the bureau of engraving and printing. The number of protests illed against the proposed plate was simply sur-prising to treasury officials, who had no idea of the hornet's nest of rival inventors they were stirring up. Chimes for Portland. PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 19 William I., Blake, a Portland oil merchant, has presented the new St. Lawrence Street Congrega-



Some important changes will take place in the U. S. army in the spring. It is probable that Major General Wesley Merritt, commander of the department of the East, to succeed General Thomas H. Ruger will have reached the age limit. General Merritt is one of the most popular commissioners that the department of the Missouri ever knew. He graduated from West Point in 1861. During the civil war he gained for himself a name that forms part of the imperishable history of this country. General Merritt was born in New York city and is about 59 years old, hence he has about five years to serve before being retired. me important changes will take place in

Union Street Railway. NEW BEDFORD, Mass., Jan. 19—The Hon. W. W. Crapo and Henry H. Crapo have acquired the interests in the Union street railway which have been represented by Joseph Arthur Beauvais and Abbott P. Smith, and now own a controlling share of the property. They propose to place this stock among New Bedford investors, so that the road will be substantially owned in this

A Fog Bell on Ram Island. WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 19—A notice to mariners has been issued by the light-house board, stating that on or about Feb.9, a fog bell will be established at Ram Island light station, on Ram Island, entrance to Boothoay from the eastward. During thick or foggy weather the bell will be struck by machinery, a double and single blow alter-nately aver 20 seconds. nately, every 20 seconds.

Receivers for Coal Companies. CINCINNATI, O., Jan. 19 — Receivers were appointed for the Wheeling, Lake Erie & Pittsburg Coal Company, two-thirds of whose stock was held by the Wheeling &



JOHN W. YERKER. John W. Yerkes, who will probably be the next United States senator from Kentucky, is well known in the politics of the state. Mr Yerkes is a member of the national republican committee and is a special friend of Governor Bradley. Mr. Yerkes is the choice not only of Mr. Hanna, but also of Major Me-Kinley. The opposition is by no means inactive and the situation is quite compli-cated. Governor Bradley and Joseph Blackburn and Dr. Hunter are candidates, but the influence of the powers that are above them prefer Mr. Yerkes, and that gentieman is, therefore, the strongest candidate at th: present time,